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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CENTRALIZED HOUSING AND  
CLASSIFICATION QUARTERLY UPDATE**

On January 17, 2006, the Board of Supervisors requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) provide quarterly updates on the new centralized classification and housing system for inmates, including implementation and adherence of new protocols and policies, the timeliness and accuracy of reclassifications, and ongoing staff training. Since that time, the Department has taken significant steps toward creating a centralized inmate housing unit and has begun segregating inmate housing units by security levels.

The Department has created a master housing plan identifying all inmate housing areas and assigned them security levels, attempting to match the housing area's physical design with an appropriate inmate security level. The Department also created the organizational and functional blueprint for the new Central Housing Unit and identified the staffing level necessary to accomplish the assigned tasks.

The Central Housing Unit will be divided into two functional units; one assigned to direct housing at the northern custody facilities, and one assigned to direct housing at the southern facilities. The physical locations of these two workgroups have been identified, furnished, and physically upgraded to handle the increased data and communications traffic. Supervisors have been identified for these two units and selection of line personnel will begin shortly. The Department will introduce the northern unit first and use this unit to test the new Jail Inmate Management System housing software and the proposed unit procedures. New policy for the Central

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Housing Unit has been written and is currently being reviewed. Additional policies and protocols, as well as division-wide training, will be developed by the Central Housing Unit once staffing is available.


The Department has manually directed the separation of inmates based on classification at the various facilities during this period. To date, all Level 9 inmates have been separated from the general inmate population and are now housed in one and two-man cells. Two out of three custody facilities at the Pitchess Detention Center have been brought into compliance with the master housing plan. The North County Correctional Facility will be brought into compliance as soon as the safest course of action is determined for the reintegration of violent "South Sider" gang members, who have been responsible for many of the recent disturbances in the jails.

Men's Central Jail (MCJ) has adjusted its housing of incoming inmates to match the security level designations within the facility, resulting in significant compliance with the master housing plan. Due to MCJ's unique position as the initial housing location for all inmates entering the Los Angeles County jail system, regardless of security level, special handling, or keep away needs, maintaining security level separation of inmates is a more difficult undertaking and will not be fully implemented until the Central Housing Unit is staffed in May 2006.

From January 1, 2006, to April 11, 2006, 24,271 inmate reclassifications were performed. These included reclassifications due to the regular 90-day review period, sentencing changes, additional holds or charges, and inmate requests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Chief Marc Klugman, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,



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